

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	No. CR18-292 JCC
vs.	)	
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JOSEPH ALLEN,	)	
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Defendant(s).	)	
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VERBATIM REPORT OF INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] KNIGHT  
(FROM RECORDED PROCEEDINGS)

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Date of interview: August 23, 2018

Participants: Detective Eric Steffes  
[REDACTED] Knight

Produced for Assistant United States Attorney Jessica Manca

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1 DETECTIVE STEFFES: This statement concerns an  
2 attempted robbery at the Walmart in Federal Way, off of  
3 Pacific Highway South and 348<sup>th</sup>. The incident occurred on,  
4 um, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the time roughly, uh, 18:20 hours.

5 Um, this officer -- or interview is being conducted  
6 same time, um -- or sorry, same date. Time is 18:38 hours.  
7 Interviewing Officer is Detective Eric Steffes from Kent  
8 PD. Uh, are you aware this statement's being recorded?

9 MS. KNIGHT: Yes, I am.

10 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Are you willing to have it  
11 recorded?

12 MS. KNIGHT: Yes, I am.

13 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Uh, what's your full name?

14 MS. KNIGHT: My full name is [REDACTED]  
15 (phonetic) Knight.

16 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay, and what's your date of  
17 birth?

18 MS. KNIGHT: [REDACTED]-80.

19 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. Um, let's see. What is  
20 your address?

21 MS. KNIGHT: [REDACTED],  
22 [REDACTED]. And that's Auburn, Washington  
23 98001.

24 DETECTIVE STEFFES: And do you have a, uh -- is it an  
25 apartment, or is it a house, or --

1 MS. KNIGHT: It's number [REDACTED]

2 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay.

3 MS. KNIGHT: It's my mom's place.

4 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. Okay. And what's your, uh  
5 -- you said you had a couple phone numbers?

6 MS. KNIGHT: Yes. Telephone number is [REDACTED] [REDACTED].  
7 Also [REDACTED].

8 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. Um, and, um, so earlier  
9 today, um, like I said, about 18:20 hours, roughly, were  
10 you at the Chase Bank just -- would be just west of, um,  
11 the Walmart at 348<sup>th</sup> and Pac Highway?

12 MS. KNIGHT: Yes, I was.

13 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. And who were you with?

14 MS. KNIGHT: I was with Jared (phonetic), a friend of  
15 mine that work in Walmart. And my husband/fiancé, [REDACTED]  
16 Banks.

17 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. And I just spoke with  
18 Steve. And were you in the Ford Expedition that's -- or  
19 were -- like --

20 MS. KNIGHT: I was outside of it, but --

21 DETECTIVE STEFFES: -- did you --

22 MS. KNIGHT: -- I -- I came with the Ford Expedition.

23 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. Okay. And again, just for  
24 the record, the plate is [REDACTED]. Um, and so,  
25 uh, about what time did you get to the -- like I said, if

1 the incident happened about 6:20, what time did you get to  
2 Chase?

3 MS. KNIGHT: I got to Chase Bank about 6:15.

4 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. Um, and what were you doing  
5 there?

6 MS. KNIGHT: I was talking to Jared. He was actually  
7 doing me a huge favor, helping me out where I can be able  
8 to have a place to lay my head tonight. And I literally  
9 was hearing sirens, but I seen a guy with a helmet -- a red  
10 helmet -- motorcycle helmet on running. And he ducked on  
11 the side of the car, saying that he'll pay us \$1,000 to get  
12 him out of there. And I told my boyfriend literally to  
13 lock the doors and drive off. And I told dude hell no and  
14 flashed the cop to come my way.

15 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. So he offered you how much?

16 MS. KNIGHT: A thousand dollars.

17 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. And you said no.

18 MS. KNIGHT: I said hell no.

19 DETECTIVE STEFFES: And were you -- um, when he first,  
20 uh -- I assume he came running up to you; is that right?

21 MS. KNIGHT: He came running our way. And then  
22 (Inaudible) --

23 DETECTIVE STEFFES: And where were you in relation to  
24 the Expedition and the --

25 MS. KNIGHT: I was --

1 DETECTIVE STEFFES: -- ATM?

2 MS. KNIGHT: I was -- from the ATM, we was way far  
3 away from the ATM. We was actually in the parking lot.

4 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay.

5 MS. KNIGHT: But I was only just hand's length of the  
6 Expedition.

7 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay.

8 MS. KNIGHT: He literally tried to grab the handle to  
9 the Expedition, the back seat. But I told him to lock the  
10 doors and he did.

11 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay, all right. Um, so you said  
12 no. And then you got in the Expedition?

13 MS. KNIGHT: No. I said no. And then when he went to  
14 open up the door, I was telling my boyfriend lock the doors  
15 and drive off, but --

16 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. So he offered to -- he  
17 offered to pay you a thousand bucks. You said no. And  
18 then he tried getting into the Expedition?

19 MS. KNIGHT: He tried getting in the Expedition.

20 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. And, uh -- and, uh, Steve -  
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22 MS. KNIGHT: That's when I --

23 DETECTIVE STEFFES: -- locked the door?

24 MS. KNIGHT: Yep. And that's when I flashed a cop and  
25 he ran off.

1 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay.

2 MS. KNIGHT: As far as my friend, Jared, I turned  
3 around and he was gone.

4 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. Um -- um, and so at that  
5 point, the police showed up --

6 MS. KNIGHT: Yeah.

7 DETECTIVE STEFFES: -- and took him into custody. Did  
8 you, uh, see a -- a firearm or weapon, or was there any --

9 MS. KNIGHT: No.

10 DETECTIVE STEFFES: -- reference made?

11 MS. KNIGHT: No, not at all.

12 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. Um, did he -- did he  
13 threaten you in any way?

14 MS. KNIGHT: He didn't threaten at all.

15 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay.

16 MS. KNIGHT: He didn't show no money, nor no weapon.

17 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. How long would you say the,  
18 uh -- the interaction took?

19 MS. KNIGHT: No more than a minute.

20 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay.

21 MS. KNIGHT: He seen you guys were coming from  
22 everywhere, so he had no choice but to run.

23 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Uh huh. Okay. And who's Jared?

24 MS. KNIGHT: Jared is one of the employees that work  
25 at Walmart. He work down in sporting goods.

1 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay.

2 MS. KNIGHT: He actually -- one of the officers -- he  
3 was parked right, directly in front of Chase.

4 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. And what does -- just in  
5 case we need to talk to him, what does --

6 MS. KNIGHT: It was a white Jeep. One of the officers  
7 was blocking him in. So he's probably still up there.

8 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. He -- Jared has a white  
9 Jeep?

10 MS. KNIGHT: Yeah.

11 DETECTIVE STEFFES: And what does Jared look like?

12 MS. KNIGHT: Tall, white guy. He's 21 years old.  
13 Can't remember his last name.

14 DETECTIVE STEFFES: You said white?

15 MS. KNIGHT: Yeah.

16 DETECTIVE STEFFES: What color hair?

17 MS. KNIGHT: Blonde.

18 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. Okay. Do you have his  
19 phone number?

20 MS. KNIGHT: Not on me.

21 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay.

22 MS. KNIGHT: It's in the vehicle.

23 DETECTIVE STEFFES: All right. I'll grab that before  
24 we leave here. Um, is there anything else you'd like to  
25 add?

1 MS. KNIGHT: No, that was it.

2 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Is there -- is everything true to  
3 the best of your knowledge?

4 MS. KNIGHT: True to the fullest.

5 DETECTIVE STEFFES: Okay. All right. This statement  
6 ends same date, uh, 18:44 hours.

7 (END OF RECORDING)

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